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March 22, 1901

The health of Paris remains good, and has undoubtedly benefited by the cold, dry weather that continues almost up to date.

There is still a certain number of smallpox and typhoid fever cases, but since January 1 both diseases have decreased to some extent. The average for the last four weeks gives typhoid fever 33.5 cases and 6.5 deaths; and smallpox 74 cases and 10 deaths per week.

There is also a considerable amount of la grippe, as can be seen by the fact that an average of 8 deaths per week has been reported from this disease since the first of the year. As the law does not require that cases of influenza be reported, it is difficult to estimate the number of cases.

Respectfully,

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#### GERMANY.

*Itinerary of the German steamship Pergamon, as shown by the New York Maritime Register, from October 1, 1900, to February 25, 1901.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Greene reported January 23, 1901, that a number of rats found dead on the steamship *Pergamon* had been examined bacteriologically and found to have died from plague.

This vessel appears from the itinerary given in the Maritime Register to have traded in Mediterranean ports, touching at Patras, Zea, and other ports in the Grecian Archipelago, and at Algiers and Italian ports, Trieste, Bari, Barlete, and at Port Sagres, southern extremity of Portugal. Its main route appears to be from Hamburg to Trieste. It touched at Swansea, England.

#### ITALY.

*Report from Naples.*

NAPLES, ITALY, March 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended March 6, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On March 4, the steamship *Kaiserin Maria Theresia*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 741 steerage passengers and 119 pieces of large and 949 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and seventy six pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On March 6, the steamship *Britannia*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 651 steerage passengers and 32 pieces of large and 1,045 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and fifty-six pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

A bill of health was issued to the steamship *David Mainland*, bound in water and sand ballast for Tampa, Fla.

Respectfully,

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